

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-36 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 13-17 and 19 are allowed and claims 12, 18 and 20-36 currently stand rejected. Applicant amends claims 12, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 32 and 34.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 12, 18 and 20-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chen (European Patent Application No. 859,500, hereinafter “Chen”) in view of Appelt et al., (US 2003/0078766, hereinafter “Appelt”) in view of Roeseler et al. (U.S. 6,317,684, hereinafter “Roeseler”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows. .

**Claim 12**

Applicant submits that claim 12 depends from claim 1, and therefore is allowable at least by virtue of their dependency and the additional features recited therein.

**Claim 18**

To the extent claim 18 recites features analogous to claim 1, claim 18 is allowable for at least the same reasons claim 1 is allowable.

**Claim 20**

Claim 20 recites, *inter alia*, “a center having a speech communication and text communication function; and a portable terminal wherein said portable terminal comprises sending means for sending a speech signal to said center by said speech communication, during execution of an information search using said text communication with said center; and wherein said center comprises:

receiving means for receiving said speech signal;

searching means for searching for information based on said speech signal; and

sending means for sending said searched information to said portable terminal

using at least one of the speech communication and text communication.”

According to the claimed features of claim 20, the portable terminal includes a sending means for sending a speech signal to said center by said speech communication, during execution of an information search using said text communication with said center. Further, the center includes a receiving means for receiving said speech signal, searching means for searching for information based on said speech signal and sending means for sending said searched information to said portable terminal using at least one of the speech communication and text communication.

In the cited portions of the reference, Roeseler discloses a controller 310 receives a route request from a caller and queries with the caller to determine an acceptable route based on traffic and road condition data. The acceptable route is stored in database 230 or memory 330 and can be output to the caller (FIG. 5 and column 8, lines 30-45). But, this disclosure of Roeseler fails to teach or suggest of claim 20 recited above.

Chen and Appelt also fail to teach or suggest the features missing in Roeseler.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the features recited above. Therefore, claim 20 is allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 22

To the extent claim 22 recites features analogous to claim 20, claim 22 is allowable for at least the same reasons claim 20 is allowable.

Claims 24

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 24 depends from claim 1, and therefore is allowable at least by virtue of their dependency and the additional features recited therein.

Claims 27, 32 and 34

Claims 27, 32 and 34 recite features analogous to claim 24, and therefore are allowable for at the same reasons claim 24 is allowable.

Claims 21, 23, 25-26, 28-31, 33 and 35-36

Claims 21, 23, 25-26, 28-31, 33 and 35-36 depend from one of the independent claims that are shown to be allowable, and therefore these claims are also allowable at least by virtue of their dependency and the additional features recited therein.

Accordingly, claims 12, 18 and 20-36 are believed to be allowable.

***Conclusion***

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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